



2022 EFDA Continuing Education Course INFORMATION PACKET

Important Dates and Deadlines

July 2, 2021	<i>Tooth Anatomy for the Dental Auxiliary*</i> (EFDA program prerequisite course)
July 17, 2021	<i>Tooth Anatomy for the Dental Auxiliary*</i> (EFDA program prerequisite course)
August 6, 2021	<i>EFDA applications due</i> (applications available for download at www.go.osu.edu/efda)
Late August / Early September	<i>Applicants notified of acceptance</i>
Mid- September (Exact date TBA)	<i>Acceptance form and deposit due</i>
November 15, 2021	<i>Final payments due</i>
January 2022 (Exact date TBA)	<i>EFDA Program Begins</i>

*Applicants are required to attend one of the two offerings of the Tooth Anatomy prerequisite course. Registration and course information is available at www.dentistry.osu.edu/ce.

For more information, contact the Continuing Dental Education office at 614-292-9790 or visit our website at www.dentistry.osu.edu/ce for EFDA course details

EFDA Course Description

The EFDA program is designed to prepare qualified candidates* to apply for the Expanded Functions for the Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) board examination administered by the Commission on Dental Testing in Ohio (CODT) or the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), and to provide experiences for quality, knowledgeable patient care as an entry level EFDA. This course includes over 180 hours, progressing from pre-clinical laboratory activities to clinical experience.

**Qualified candidates for EFDA course application include:*

- *Licensed Dental Hygienists*
- *Certified Dental Assistants (CODA or DANB)*
- *Unlicensed Dentists (with proof of graduation from an accredited dental school)*
- *Dental students enrolled at an accredited dental college (restrictions apply)*
- *Graduates of an unaccredited dental college located outside the U.S. (with translated certificate and transcripts)*

Prerequisites

- Qualified candidate as defined above
- Minimum two years chairside patient treatment experience
- Completion of Ohio State EFDA CE prerequisite course, "Tooth Anatomy for the Dental Auxiliary"
- Complete application

Admission is competitive and based on scores from the prerequisite Tooth Anatomy course and the quality of application.

Curriculum Overview

Pre-clinical sessions (January – April)

The pre-clinical laboratory instruction session provides over 100 hours of lecture/demonstration and activities on FRIDAYS from January through April. Didactic instruction includes: review of tooth morphology, properties and manipulation of dental restorative materials including bases and liners, techniques and procedures for restoring teeth with amalgam and tooth colored direct restorations. Participants place, contour, finish and evaluate restorations in prepared teeth, which are mounted in typodonts. Activities also include rubber dam replacement, dental sealant application, and finishing and polishing

amalgam restorations. Course participants complete approximately 100 restorations in typodont teeth during the pre-clinical session of the course.

It is our policy that successful completion of the pre-clinical course is a prerequisite for continuing into the clinical experience. A series of weekly skill tests will be given throughout the laboratory course to assure participant progress and pre-clinical proficiency before the treatment of patients is permitted. Participants must demonstrate competency in restorative expanded functions by passing weekly competencies and a final pre-clinical competency examination with instructor recommendation in order to begin the clinical portion.

If failure of final competency examination occurs, the participant may not be able to continue onto the clinical portion. If the participant is determined by the faculty members to be remediable, additional lab sessions will be required and additional instructional fees will be charged.

Clinical requirements (May – July)

In order for a candidate to be eligible to sit for the Ohio EFDA board examination, the Ohio State Dental Board requires EFDA students to complete at least 80 hours of patient clinical experience.

The EFDA students will be required to complete the clinical hours at their employer, under supervision of their employer-dentist. The employer-dentist will be required to sign an agreement and complete a short online calibration training.

Board Review sessions (late July or early August)

Written and typodont-based mock board examinations will prepare students for the Ohio EFDA Board examination.

Attendance Policy

Participants must attend **ALL** scheduled course sessions, including the board review sessions. This course is designed to prepare participants for the Ohio certifying typodont-based practical and written examinations. Didactic and laboratory review, as well as mock board examinations are included to help participants prepare for the board-testing situation. Participants who fail to meet attendance requirements will not be certified by The Ohio State University College of Dentistry to take the EFDA board examination.

Fees

The course fee includes all instructor fees, instructional materials, laboratory supplies, and instrument rental. The two-day review course held in August is also included in the course fee. However, participants **MUST** supply all instruments and materials for the board review course, just as will be required for the Ohio EFDA examination. This includes all necessary equipment and supplies required for placement of **BOTH** amalgam and composite restorations.

The board exam fees are not included in our EFDA program fee. You will pay/register directly with the CODT or CDCA.

Additional Requirements

Course participants will need access to a computer with internet service to access course assignments and supplemental course material.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where do I get the application?

A: Applications for the 2022 EFDA program will be available in late May. You will be able to access at www.dentistry.osu.edu/ce.

Q: What are the admissions criteria for the EFDA course? Applicants must meet the criteria below when their application is submitted.

A: See prerequisites on page 2 of this document. A complete and accurate application form must be submitted by the date specified. Incomplete or late applications are **NOT** reviewed for admission. If certification or licensure is pending at the time of application, submit proof that documentation is forthcoming. The personal statement must show knowledge and understanding of the role of an EFDA in dental practice. In addition, the applicant must show a commitment to spend the necessary time required to complete the course. The employer's recommendation must include a statement of support for the applicant; including allowing the EFDA student access to a dental operator/laboratory space to complete homework assignments, and their willingness to supervise your required clinical hours.

The applicant must have dental office experience, which includes a minimum of 2 years chair-side patient treatment. EFDA students must be very familiar with restorative dental procedures. All applicants must complete the OSU CE course "Tooth Anatomy for the Dental Auxiliary" prior to application and admission.

Q: Do I have to be a CDA to take the prerequisite Tooth Anatomy course?

A: No, but you need have your CDA when you submit your application.

Q: How much time is required outside of class?

A: This course is very demanding of the student's time and energy. Attendance is required for **ALL** scheduled lecture, laboratory, and clinical sessions. Weekly homework assignments include reading the textbook and manual, as well as completing specified restorative procedures on the typodont. Students must have access to a dental operatory/laboratory space where they can restore typodont teeth with both amalgam and composite materials. Written quizzes and practical examinations are given every week during the pre-clinical course. Course participants will need access to a computer with internet service to access course assignments and supplemental course material.

Students should continue to practice on typodont teeth, in preparation for the certifying board exam, on their own throughout the clinical portion of the course.

Q: What is the EFDA course fee?

A: The 2022 course fees are to be determined, but will be approximately \$5,300-\$5,400.

Q: What is included for the course fee?

A: All instructional materials are provided, including: textbook, course manual, Kilgore typodont and prepared teeth, all necessary restorative materials and supplies needed to place restorations. Dental instruments and handpieces to be used for typodont procedures are on loan until the review portion of the course. The fee also includes parking.

Please note that the Board Exam fees are not included in the course fee.

Q: Is financial aid available through The Ohio State University?

A: No, unfortunately Continuing Education courses do not qualify for financial assistance through the University.

Q: Do I have to become an OSU student to apply/participate?

A: No, the EFDA course is a continuing dental education course and no academic credit is offered.

Q: Do participants in the course receive a 1098-T for tax filing purposes?

A: No. 1098-T forms are only filed by OSU for courses where academic credit is provided.

Q: What can I do while I wait to apply for the course?

A: Obtain or update your certification (dental assistants) or licensure (dental hygienists). Your credentials **MUST** be current when you apply for the course. Find out as much as you can about what an EFDA in Ohio can do. Talk with a certified EFDA. Observe an EFDA during a typical workday.

Q: How do I become a Certified Dental Assistant?

A: Contact either DANB or CODA (information available on the links section below).

Q: What can an EFDA in Ohio do?

A: Contact the Ohio Dental Board to find current laws and rules governing EFDA practice in Ohio.

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Important Links

Information on Ohio EFDA Examination:

Commission on Dental Testing in Ohio

Dublin, OH 43016-4216

Phone: 614-921-0892

P.O. Box 4510, Dublin, OH 43016

Vicki Baldini, Executive Secretary: vicki_baldini@yahoo.com

<http://codtinohio.org/>

Commission on Dental Competency Assessments

1304 Concourse Drive, Suite 100

Linthicum, MD 21090

Phone: 301-563-3300

Ellis H. Hall, DDS, Director of Examinations: Director@cdcaexams.org

www.cdcaexams.org

Dental Assisting National Board (DANB)

676 North Saint Clair, Suite 1880

Chicago, IL 60611

1-800-FOR-DANB or 312-642-3368

<http://www.dentalassisting.com/>

- Information on National CDA
- Good source on CDA board preparation/review

Commission on Ohio Dental Assistant Certification (CODA)

Contact: Carol Healy

1501 Centerview Dr. Copley, OH 44321

330-666-4023 (evening)

fax: 330-668-9985

<http://www.codacertification.org/>

- Information on state CDA

Ohio Dental Board (OSDB)

77 South High Street Columbus, OH 43266-0306

614-466-2580

<http://www.dental.ohio.gov/>

- Ohio EFDA registration Laws and Rules
- Ohio EFDA permissible Duties
- CDA Permissible Duties

Ohio EFDA Association

<https://ohioefda.org/>

- EFDA professional organization
- The Ohio EFDA Association is a 501(c)6 non-profit trade organization.
- Primary goal is to increase dental and public awareness of expanded functions. Aid in the stability of the profession by providing a voice in the public policy process.